power sector as well as the prospects of further lending were generally reviewed.

Doubling of Tumkur-Bangalore Railway Line

5539. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy traffic between Tumkur and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to double this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Refinery in West Bengal

5540. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a grass roots oil refinery in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Completion of Metro and Circular Railway in Calcutta

5541. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since fixed up a time schedule for the completion of Metro Railway and Circular Railway in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c).

(i) Metro Railway:

Completion schedule of this project depends upon acquisition of the remaining plots of land by the State Govt. and availability of funds in the coming years.

(ii) Circular Railway:

Calcutta Circular Railway from Dum Dum to Princep Ghat has already been completed and commissioned for traffic on 17-6-90.

Doubling of Track Line Between Barasat and Duttapukur

5542. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of implementation of doubling of the track between Barasat to Duttapukur and in the Sealdah-Bongaon Section has remained very slow, even after necessary budgetary allocations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The progress as on 30th

June 91 is 34% against a target of 36%.

(b) Encroachments along the proposed alignment.

(c) The State Government has been requested to get the encroachments removed.

New Train from Rohtak and Sonepat to Delhi

5543. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce new passenger trains on Rohtak-Delhi and Sonepat-Delhi sections in view of increase in the passenger traffic there; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

[*Translation*]

Farakka to Laimatia Railway Line

5544. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government so far to check the land sliding from both the sides of the Farakka-Laimatia railway line to make it safe; and

(b) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Farakka - Laimatiya railway Line is owned and maintained by the National Thermal Power Corporation, as a private siding.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Electrification of Line from Delhi to Rohtak and Sonepat

5545. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to electrify the railway lines between Rohtak and Delhi as well as between Sonepat and Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Electrification of Delhi-Ambala-Ludhiana section of which Delhi-Sonepat is a portion has already been sanctioned and included in the Budget for 1991-92. But there is, at present, no proposal to electrify Delhi-Rohtak section due to financial constraints and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes.

Death of Passengers in Pune

5546. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some passengers died after falling from the local train in Pune August 15, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to